12. Payment behaviour is regularly mointored and action is initiated for recovery including suspension of accreditation, legal notice, arbitration etc.

Affairs of Kolkata DD Kendra

1093. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1591 given in Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the dues pertaining to sponsors of programmes "Aajke" and "Mukho Mukhi" have been realised; and

(b) the action taken against the official responsible for the loss?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have informed that there are no principal dues of the programme "Aajke". However, an amount of Rs. 1,10,92,320/- is still outstanding in respect of the programme "Mukho Mukhi". As the matter is *sub-judice*, the recovery of the above amount and other actions will depend upon the outcome of the court case pending in the Kolkata High Court.

Promotion of entertainment industry

†1094. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's performance at international festivals and musical events has been disappointing in the recent past;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create a Council to promote country's entertainment industry; and

(c) the other measures Government propose to take to project India's cultures abroad through country's entertainment industry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Film Industry in India is in the private sector and the Government does not maintain any statistics in this regard. However, Directorate of Film Festivals under this Ministry participates with Indian Panorama films in various International Film Festivals and also organizes several film expositions and special film festivals in various countries to project India's culture.